

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Original): a crotch-possessing corrective garment, comprising:

a tightening portion in an area which fits over a wearer's body, the tightening portion extending, when the garment is being worn, from the vicinity of an upper part of the buttocks cleft, passing the vicinities of upper parts of the right and left buttocks, to the vicinities of the right and left greater trochanters; and

a body front tightening portion made of material having a tightening force and extending, when the garment is being worn, from above the crotch at the front center toward above the right and left of the crotch.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The A- crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1,
wherein the magnitude of a tightening force of the tightening portion varies along the
area comprising:

~~in an area fitting over a wearer's body, a tightening portion for which the magnitude of a tightening force varies with areas, the tightening portion extending, when the garment is being worn, from the vicinity of an upper part of the buttocks cleft, passing the vicinities of upper parts of the right and left buttocks, to the vicinities of the right and left greater trochanters; and~~

a body front tightening portion made of material having a tightening force and extending, when the garment is being worn, from above the crotch at the front center toward above the right and left of the crotch.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A crotch-possessing corrective garment, comprising:

~~a right tightening portion and a left tightening portion in areas fitting over a wearer's body, a pair of right and left tightening portions for which the magnitude of a tightening force varies with areas, each of the tightening portions extending, when the garment is being worn, from the vicinity of the right or left greater trochanter to the vicinity of an upper part of the right or left buttocks and such as to extend toward the vicinity of an upper part of the buttocks cleft; and~~

~~a body front tightening portion made of material having a tightening force and extending, when the garment is being worn, from above the crotch at the front center toward above the right and left of the crotch.~~

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to ~~claim 2~~^{any} of claims 1 through 3, wherein the tightening portion, which extends, when the garment is being worn, from the vicinity of the upper part of the buttocks cleft, passing the vicinities of the upper parts of the right and left buttocks, to the vicinities of the right and left greater trochanters, is configured such that the tightening force of the tightening portion is strongest in the vicinity of the upper part of the buttocks cleft.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 4 any of claims 1 through 3, wherein the tightening portion, which extends, when the garment is being worn, from the vicinity of the upper part of the buttocks cleft, passing the vicinities of the upper parts of the right and left buttocks, to the vicinities of the right and left greater trochanters, is configured such that the tightening force of the tightening portion is strongest in the vicinity of the upper part of the buttocks cleft and gradually weakens in a direction passing the vicinities of the upper parts of the right and left buttocks and extending toward the vicinities of the right and left greater trochanters.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1 any of claims 1 through 3, further comprising thigh portions which fit over the wearer's thighs, wherein the tightening portion further extends from the vicinities of the greater trochanters along the outer borders of the thigh portions.

Claim 7 (Original): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 6, wherein the tightening portion further reaches ankles.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1 any of claims 1 through 3, wherein the tightening portion has a shape which is curved upward in the vicinity of the upper parts of the buttocks when the garment is being worn.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1 any of claims 1 through 3, wherein, when the garment is being worn, the tightening portion comprises:

- an upper side tightening portion positioned on an upper side; and
- a lower side tightening portion which is positioned on a lower side and has a strong tightening force.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1 any of claims 1 through 3, wherein the tightening portion forms a belt shape.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1 any of claims 1 through 3, wherein the tightening portion is formed through power change in a single piece of knitted fabric.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1 any of claims 1 through 3, wherein the crotch-possessing corrective garment is any one of a girdle, spats, a bathing suit, tights, a pantyhose, sports tights, a leotard, a body suit, and men's pants.

Claim 13 (New): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 3, wherein magnitudes of tightening forces of the tightening portions vary along the areas.

Claim 14 (New): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 13, wherein the tightening forces of the tightening portions are strongest in the vicinity of the upper part of the buttocks cleft.

Claim 15 (New): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 14, wherein the tightening forces of the tightening portions gradually weaken in directions passing the vicinities of the upper parts of the right and left buttocks and extending toward the vicinities of the right and left greater trochanters.

Claim 16 (New): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 3, further comprising thigh portions which fit over the wearer's thighs, wherein the tightening portions further extend from the vicinities of the greater trochanters along the outer borders of the thigh portions.

Claim 17 (New): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 16, wherein the tightening portions further reach ankles.

Claim 18 (New): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 3, wherein, when the garment is being worn, each of the tightening portions comprises:

an upper side tightening portion positioned on an upper side; and

a lower side tightening portion which is positioned on a lower side and has a strong tightening force.

Claim 19 (New): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 3, wherein the tightening portions are formed through power change in a single piece of knitted fabric.

Claim 20 (New): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 3, wherein the crotch-possessing corrective garment is any one of a girdle, spats, a bathing suit, tights, a pantyhose, sports tights, a leotard, a body suit, and men's pants.